New York, 17 July 1846.

My dear Doctor –

As I am about to bind up a 2nd Vol. of "Miscellanea Botanica" you will oblige me if you can send me a *perfect* Copy of a paper which will reach you by to-day's Mail. If you have not one to spare, return the imperfect one, as it contains an Enumeration of Lycopodia by ———

This is the immediate purport of my letter (by the way, I wish also a paper of your own, on the subject of the preference of Cuscutinea for particular plants – I wish you could hunt one up – I think it was a review, & as I remember, you combatted the idea that they only attached to dicotyledons, remarking that I had found a Cuscuta on Leersia &c.) –

I have not seen our valued friend Dr Torrey since he called, on his way to Boston – If he is still with you please tell him, with my kind regards, that I wish to see him on his way home – I have a couple of suggestions to talk about, in connection with the State Flora, if, as I hope, the Appendix be not entirely finished – I have not heard

from you respecting the Epiphytes, mentioned in my last, however there is no hurry, as they have not yet arrived — I had a letter from Oakes, dated from the White Mts. (3rd Inst. I think) — He sent me previously to leaving home, a small collection of his Plants, & in a Box, about half a dozen of Mosses & Lichens done up on fine white paper, in splendid style! These were only as a Sample, & the Box to keep them in — He kindly informs me that more will be forthcoming next Winter — I have given up the Batte. affair, as Torrey (to whom I explained the matter) may probably have told you — It was neither one thing nor t'other — The remuneration seemed to much for a poor devil to refuse, whilst it was not enough to make one comfortable — However, I have declined it, & am now again, "upon the town" — I continue but very so-so, in the health way — I have a very steady & fixed (but not severe) pain in my right Breast & Shoulder, & at times a tremendous fluttering which almost takes away my Breath — I have an undefined notion that my Liver may be deranged, Are these diagnosis? I do not think it worth while to consult Beals, nor do I take any Medicine — Indeed I have not done so, since I returned from Canada — Sam's family are all on Staten Isld, for the Summer, & my younger Brother & his wife, reside with them — I therefore am the only Carey, of our house, now in the City — My kind regards to your Brother, & believe me, Truly Yrs.

Wm Carey

Profr. A Gray

If you have not time to write just now, send me on the papers I want, & if Torrey is still with you just on the corner of the wrapper (on the address side) T. if he has left you put X — & in Fig. after it the day he left you. thus X6.

Darlington sent me some fine roots of Sabinum which I have planted in my Brother's garden — do you want any? If so, tell some one visiting N. Y. to call upon me at No. 36 Greenwich St. & I will dig some up for you, with much satisfaction —

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